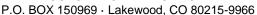
COLORADO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 19, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Soil moisture supplies increased slightly following widespread rain and snow covering most of the State during the last half of the week. Fieldwork continued at a reduced pace between precipitation events. Thunderstorms with strong winds, localized hail and a few tornados were observed in the northeastern part of the State. Calving and lambing progressed without notable concerns. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 65 percent average and 35 percent light. Cattle death loss was 1 percent heavy, 82 percent average, and 17 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley	•			
Planted	27	23	42	44
Emerged	4	1	5	17
Corn				
Planted	1		2	4
Onions				
Planted	33	25	56	62
Potatoes				
Planted (Outside San Luis Valley)	43	35	10	18
Spring wheat				
Planted	20	18	28	34
Emerged	8	6	5	10
Sugarbeets				
Planted	29	14	28	22
Winter wheat				
Pastured	8	9	6	8
Jointed	20	9	15	21
Cows calved	87	81	86	82
Ewes lambed	83	75	79	76

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PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and Range	_	_	_	
Very poor	7	5	11	17
Poor	29	35	25	53
Fair	36	31	35	33
Good	26	27	28	26
Excellent	2	2	1	1

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	4.3	6.4	5.6	5.3
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	5	8	16	16
Short	30	34	34	27
Adequate	63	57	49	55
Surplus	2	1	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	15	16	25	22
Short	35	37	32	32
Adequate	48	45	42	45
Surplus	2	2	1	1

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Winter wheat	3	13	33	44	7
Livestock		3	25	63	9

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